GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Effects of Deficient Rainfall
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that deficient rainfall will dampen rural demand and result in hike in minimum support price for cereals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): As per the latest data available, the cumulative rainfall in the country during the monsoon season i.e. 1st June, 2016 to 20th July, 2016 has been 1% higher than Long Period Average (LPA).

Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors. The Government has increased MSP of all Kharif crops for 2016-17 as compared to 2015-16.

In addition, in order to increase farm productivity and farmers' income Government has taken various initiatives viz. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme, promotion of use of Neem Coated Urea, Unified National Agriculture Markets, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) etc.

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